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JOB WELL DONE

Eastern men’s soccer player Zac Medawattage earned a spot on the 2016 Academic All-League team for his hard work in the classroom.

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POOR SHOOTING

The Eastern women’s basketball team lost 66-56 Wednesday to Cleveland State after shooting just 28.8 percent from the field.

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Supporting dogs with shirts



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Erin Murphy, a sophomore psychology major, cuts a T-shirt into pieces that will be twisted together to form a roped dog toy during a Cause for Paws meeting Wednesday night. The group participates in projects to benefit animals and animal shelters.



Stephanie Spoerl, a junior elementary education major, braids T-shirts together Wednesday night at a Cause for Paws meeting. The T-shirts were donated during a T-shirt drive to help create roped dog toys that will be donated to the local animal shelter.



Hannah East, a senior communication disorders and sciences major, cuts apart a T-shirt Wednesday night.

Student senate reflects on semester

By Samuel Nusbaum Administration Reporter | @DEN\_News

The Student Senate listened to two speeches reflecting on the fall semester and reports of current and future plans Wednesday night, wrapping up the final meeting of the semester. Student Body President Catie Witt updated the senate on the “It’s On Us” campaign, which will take place during April. She said the campaign committee is working with the University Board to plan events for next semester. Witt gave her State of the University Address, and said she liked how the senate reacted to changing “First Night” from the South Quad to O’Brian Field. She is finalizing her plans for the campaign, saying the planning has moved slower than she expected. Witt said the “Voter Registration” campaign, led by the student vice president Maralea Negron, was a success. More than 350 students registered to vote. Witt also brought up the “Call Your Legislator” event, also led by Negron, and students contacted 20 legislators about Monetary Award Program grant funding. Witt said “Pantherpalooza” had 120 registered student organizations in the union. She mentioned that Derek Pierce, the student vice president of student affairs, did a good job moving the event from the south quad to the union. “I remember seeing him that day and his eyes were red because he barely slept because he got there really early in the morning and set up everything for the RSOs,” Witt said.

Hailey Tellier, student speaker of the senate, said the executive board decided to postpone the speaker of the senate elections until next semester. “We are losing a lot of senators due to focusing on school work, so we just want to make sure when we come back we have a strong senate,” Tellier said. She said executive board wants to give the senators who will join in the spring a chance to vote as well. Witt said the senate may have started slow, but they should feel motivated to fill the 17 vacant seats in the senate and keep up the good work. Tellier gave her State of the Senate, and said the strengths the senate has are brainstorming, cross committee support and helping to plan events they put on such as the academic affairs bowling activity. Tellier said one of the areas the senate can improve on is preventing the loss of senators.

She said overall she is proud of all the work they have done over the course of the semester and she hopes it will continue. Luke Young, student vice president of academic affairs, updated the senate about what happened at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday afternoon. Young said the senate moved their meeting up because the recommendations from the vitalization project workgroups become public on Jan 20. “They have bumped their meeting up to Jan. 10, so they can try to give the president a little feedback,” Young said. Young also brought up the potential of “performance based funding,” which was brought up during Tuesday’s meeting. This would mean the Illinois government would give money to universities based on how its students perform. He said it is something the senators should pay attention to.

CAA to vote on new criminology major

By Analicia Haynes Managing Editor | @DEN\_News

The Council of Academic Affairs will be voting on a new criminology major as well as new criminology courses at its meeting 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library. The department of sociology and anthropology proposed the creation of a new degree program in criminology and criminal justice, according to the proposal. It is being structured in collaboration with other academic departments on campus such as political science and philosophy and Lake Land College, the proposal read. According to the rationale for the new major, the reason for its creation is because of student demand.

“Over the last few years both the Office of Admissions and the department of sociology and anthropology have been consistently asked by both potential and current students about the availability of a criminology and criminal justice major at (Eastern),” the rationale read. According to a recent departmental recruitment data report, 213 freshman inquiries, between 2014 and 2016, said criminology was their primary academic interest, according to the rationale. “Equally impressive is the data from transfer students, with 333 potential transfer students, between the years 2013 – 2016, indicating that criminology and criminal justice is their primary academic interest,” the rationale read. Although Eastern has a minor in criminology, which was created in 2006, the proposal said it is an “appropriate time to move forward with an interdisciplinary major in criminology and criminal justice.” Also, the rationale said with a program like this, Eastern will remain in competition with other state universities such as Western, Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University who already have degree programs in criminology or criminal justice. 120 semester hours are required for the degree and 49 semester hours are required for the major. Along with the new major, the CAA will vote on the approval of two new criminology and criminal justice courses: CRM 3650, Criminological Theory, and CRM 4700, Contemporary Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice.


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# Choice for China diplomat has ties with Xi

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It may seem odd for the governor of a lightly populated agricultural state to be chosen as U.S. ambassador to China, especially amid escalating talk of a trade war with the major U.S. trading partner.

But Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad boasts a 30-year relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the most powerful Chinese leader in decades.

This relationship, begun when both men were political upstarts, could be put to the test in coming months if Branstad is confirmed.

President-elect Donald Trump, who announced his choice of Branstad on Wednesday, said during the campaign that his administration would make closing the U.S. trade deficit with China a top priority. Through the first 10 months of the year, government figures show the

United States is running a \$288.8 billion deficit with China on the trade of goods, a sharp decline from the same time a year ago.

But since his election Trump has suggested imposing 45 percent tariffs on Chinese products and has labeled the country a "currency manipulator." Chinese officials have warned that the U.S. is bound by World Trade Organization rules, which restrain countries from imposing sanctions without making a persuasive case.

In that way, Trump's selection of Branstad appears to be savvy.

Patrick Cronin, senior director of the Asia-Pacific security program at the Center for a New American Security, said that by selecting an ambassador who has forged commercial ties between his state and China, Trump was signaling to Xi that as leaders they will have the same fundamental priority in seeking economic growth.

In 1985, Branstad was nearing the end of his first term as governor, then the nation's youngest at age 39. Xi was a rising leader seeking ideas in Iowa for crop and livestock techniques to help his own agriculturally rich region.

In 2013, he returned to Iowa as China's incoming president and met with Branstad for a formal dinner in Des Moines between meetings in Washington, D.C., with President Barack Obama and a trip to California.

If Trump's threats suggest the U.S.-China relationship could be bumpy, Branstad's longtime relationship with Xi could help smooth things. His personal touch could go a long way in avoiding conflict caused by miscommunication or misinterpretation.

Trump angered China by speaking to Taiwan's president last week in a breach of diplomatic protocol. Chi-

na still regards the island as part of its territory and would consider it unacceptable for the U.S. to recognize Taiwan's leader as a head of state.

Branstad's rapport with Xi could also outweigh the courtly, 70-year-old Midwesterner's lack of formal diplomatic experience, though he has made multiple trips to China to pitch Iowa's robust harvests, as recently as last month.

Knowing the Chinese leader personally is even more important than it might have been in the past. Previous Chinese leaders ruled by consensus, but Xi has consolidated power in his hands, ousting rivals in an anti-corruption campaign and taking on responsibility for economic policy, typically the purview of the government's No. 2 official, now Li Keqiang.

Trump, who met with Branstad in New York on Tuesday, travels to Iowa on Thursday.

## STATE AND NATION BRIEFS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Study: 2016 campaign coverage was overwhelmingly negative**

NEW YORK (AP) — A Harvard University study released Wednesday concludes that media coverage of the 2016 presidential election was topped only by the 2000 Bush-Gore campaign for its overwhelming negativity.

Strip away "horse race" stories about who was leading or trailing in the polls, and coverage of issues relating to Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's fitness for office was an identical 87 percent negative for each candidate, said the report by Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy.

"The real bias of the press is not that it's liberal. Its bias is a decided preference for the negative," said the report, written by Harvard political science professor Thomas Patterson.

The report looked at coverage on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and Fox News Channel nightly newscasts, along with *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. The media analysis firm Media Tenor judged the tone of stories. For instance, a story about the FBI reopening an investigation into Clinton's emails was judged a negative for her, and a *USA Today* story about lawsuits against Trump and his business was a negative for him.

With all stories included, Patterson said 71 percent of the overall coverage

for Trump and Clinton was negative, 29 percent positive. The 2000 race was 75-to-25 percent negative. From his announcement, Trump received far more attention than any rival.

Negative campaigns run by each candidate affected the coverage, Patterson said.

The biggest issue for mainstream news organizations coming out of campaign 2016 is their relevancy given the hunger of many consumers to seek out news sources — including fake news sites — that reflect their opinion.

**Jimmy John's agrees to end non-compete deals in Illinois**

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says the Jimmy John's sandwich chain has agreed to stop requiring low-level employees to sign agreements preventing them from seeking jobs with competitors.

Madigan said Wednesday the Campaign-based chain also agreed to inform employees that previously signed agreements will not be enforced, tell franchise owners to rescind existing agreements and pay \$100,000 to be used for public awareness of legal standards for non-compete agreements. Madigan sued Jimmy John's in June.

A Jimmy John's news release said the company is pleased to resolve the lawsuit.

The agreements forbid employees from working for any competitor near

a Jimmy John's that derived at least 10 percent of its revenue from submarine or deli sandwiches.

Jimmy John's reached a similar settlement with the state of New York in June.

**Rauner asks Democrats for budget proposal, delays meeting**

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner says he wants Democratic leaders to present him a budget proposal to end an 18-month stalemate before meeting again for another round of negotiations.

Rauner made the announcement Wednesday a day before a planned meeting with legislative leaders, which he canceled.

The *Chicago Sun-Times* reports that Rauner canceled Thursday's meeting when he learned Democrats would not be presenting a budget proposal.

Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan spokesman Steve Brown says Rauner should be the one presenting a budget.

Rauner wants Democrats to pass pro-business legislation and other parts of his agenda to get a budget done. Democrats have insisted he drop his demands and focus on the budget.

Both sides have met several times during the past month without making progress.

**Judge temporarily blocks Rauner from imposing contract terms**

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A judge in southern Illinois issued a temporary restraining order to keep Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration from imposing contract terms onto state workers.

The order this week from Judge Robert LeChien comes after the Illinois Labor Relations Board last month issued an opinion saying contract talks between the state and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union were at an impasse. That ruling let the state impose final contract terms, which included \$1,000 merit bonus payments, overtime after 40 hours, bereavement leave, and drug testing of employees suspected of working impaired.

The major public-employee union recently asked the St. Clair County court to bar the Republican governor from taking action to implement the contract.

In the lawsuit, AFSCME contends the Rauner administration couldn't impose terms until the board ruling was submitted in writing. The written order was filed Monday, but LeChien still issued the temporary order Tuesday.

The union said a hearing could take place Jan. 13 or sooner.

AFSCME spokesman Anders Lindall said the union will also seek to prohibit the administration from imposing contract terms during the appeal process.

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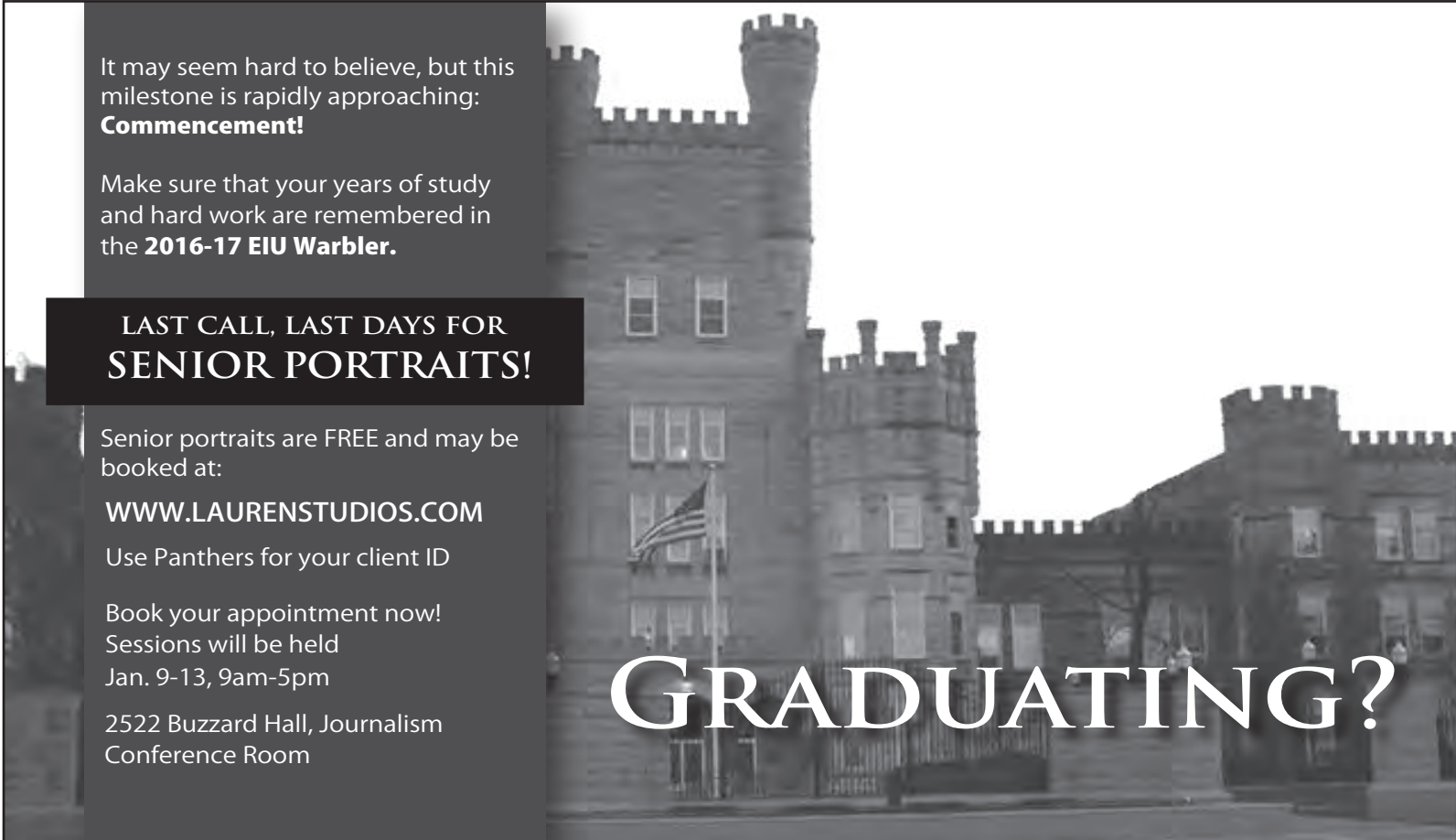
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# Oh my God-less



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Chris Kalinka, a senior biological sciences major, discusses a point during a meeting of the Secular Student Alliance Tuesday night in Coleman Hall. The members of the registered student organization said they are all good friends and talked about everything from politics to the restaurant Portillo's.

# Survivor looks back on church shooting

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A survivor of last year's massacre at a black South Carolina church testified Wednesday that her Bible study group had just closed their eyes and started praying when a loud sound shattered the stillness. The basement room went dark.

When Felicia Sanders opened her eyes, she saw a young white man the parishioners had welcomed to the study only a half-hour earlier. Dylann Roof was mowing down the pastor and eight others with gunfire and hurling racial insults.

Sanders, the first witness in Roof's death penalty trial, fought back tears as she recalled sheltering her granddaughter under a table and telling her to play dead. She watched in horror as her son Tywanza and her 87-year-old aunt, Susie Jackson, were killed in the fusillade.

The gunman had planned the attack for months and traveled about 100 miles to Charleston on June 17, 2015, to attack Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest black church in the South, because of what it represented, prosecutors said. He told the parishioners he was killing them because blacks were raping white women and taking over the country. In a manifesto found later, he said he hoped to start a race war.

One of three survivors, Sanders said Roof came by the Wednesday night gathering and was given a study sheet and a Bible by the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, the church's pastor and a state senator.

When she heard the loud noise, she assumed something was wrong with the electricity. Then she saw the real reason.

"I screamed he had a gun," she said. But by that time, Pinckney had already been shot. Soon her son was hit.

If Roof is convicted, the case will move to the penalty phase, where he plans to act as his own lawyer to apparently fight for his life.

A panel of 12 jurors, five black jurors and one person of another race were selected, according to court officials who said the alternates will not be picked until the end of the trial.

Defense attorney David Bruck said the facts of the case are largely undisputed and that he would likely ask few questions of the government witnesses. He may not call any witnesses of his own.

The defense has said repeatedly in both federal and state court that Roof is willing to plead guilty if capital punishment is taken off the table. Prosecutors have refused.

# College Democrats discuss party's future

By Jordan Boyer  
Contributing Writer | @DEN\_News

The members of the EIU College Democrats said people should expect more involvement with local township elections, election of local officials in April and the upcoming school board election.

President Frida Arellano said the members are going to work at pushing more bills through the local government, and they are reaching out to statewide democrats.

"We are also going to start focusing on pushing bills that are going to be pushed forward, and trying to be lobbyists overall," Arellano said. "We're trying to either promote a bill that most favors the community, or going against bills. We're going to be focused on that something that affects us more locally."

Arellano also said the members have reached out to democrats at University Of Illinois. Both of them are making plans to do charity events with the UICC Global Cancer Control, sponsored by them and the Illini Democrats.

Several members said the country is divided drastically. Arellano said this is because of the results from the presidential election's popular polls, and how Americans are lying about their votes.

Not only did the members say the country is divided, but also the Democratic Party is divided. Treasurer Samuel Reiss said the former Democratic Party candidate Hillary Clinton's politics are outdated.

As a result of this, the members have different views on who should run for the Democratic Presidential Nominee in the 2020 election.

Christopher Pickard, the vice president of the organization, said First Lady Michelle Obama should run in the 2020 election. However, Arellano said she wants Vice President Joe Biden to run for the presidency.

Reiss said the newly elected senator from California, Kamala Harris, is a charismatic leader that would be a great candidate for the Democratic Party.

According to the members, the future 2020 democratic nominee needs support from Sen. Bernie Sanders in order to win because of his results from

the polls.

"General millennials voted for Bernie Sanders a lot; he wiped the board with millennials," Reiss said.

The millennial Reiss is referring to is Generation Y, which are those born from early 1980s to mid-1990s and early 2000s. In the 2016 presidential election, Sanders was the most popular candidate among millennials. In the primary phase, Sanders had more votes from Generation Y millennials than Trump and Clinton combined.

Reiss and Pickard agree that Sanders's endorsement is needed to win the 2020 election.

Reiss said he thinks Sander's endorsement is going to be very climatic, and the candidates of 2020 will be begging him for an endorsement.

"We can control this next election better. More so than we did this one, and Bernie is the poster child for millennials. So if that candidate wants a block of votes, then they're going to need to be on Bernie's nice side," Pickard said.

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Joe Tucci

# Appreciate the thought, not the gift

When I was seven, my great-grandmother gave me a nutcracker as a Christmas gift. At the time I was expecting something that would go well with all of my other action figures, but the stiff and wooden figure of a golfer did not work well as G.I. Joe's companion, nor did he work as Superman's villain. I did not play golf at the time, and I did not even like any kind of nuts either. So to hide the sheer disappointment and frustration to my great-grandmother for getting me such a lifeless "toy" was incredibly difficult.

I cannot remember if I had told her anything specific that I had wanted for Christmas that year, but after that I made sure to outline exactly what I wanted, even providing lists of places to get certain gifts.

It is hard to understand why some people want to get you certain things for Christmas, but hiding your true reaction to a gift that you do not initially like is an important skill to learn. It is not so much that you should feign happiness only to immediately throw out a bad gift, but rather that you should understand the thought process behind a gift. I think it can generally be said that most relatives give gifts with the best intentions in mind, and that any bad gifts are merely just an attempt at their best efforts.

My great-grandmother's best effort was a nutcracker dressed up as a golfer with a fuzz ball on the top of his head. Even after my initial disappointment, I did come to enjoy the nutcracker. It was a cool design with some interesting colors painted onto a carved piece of wood, even if it was probably just bought at a local Target.

However, showing only a little interest in the nutcracker is where things really started to spiral out of control for me. Every year since that Christmas, I have received at least one nutcracker as a Christmas gift from a relative. I now have over 200 of them.

If you had told a seven year old me that I would own another couple of hundred nutcrackers just like the golfer that I had received for Christmas, I think that would have caused me to actually throw a fit. Yet, some 14 years later it has been a much more interesting experience than it was when I was more toy-focused.

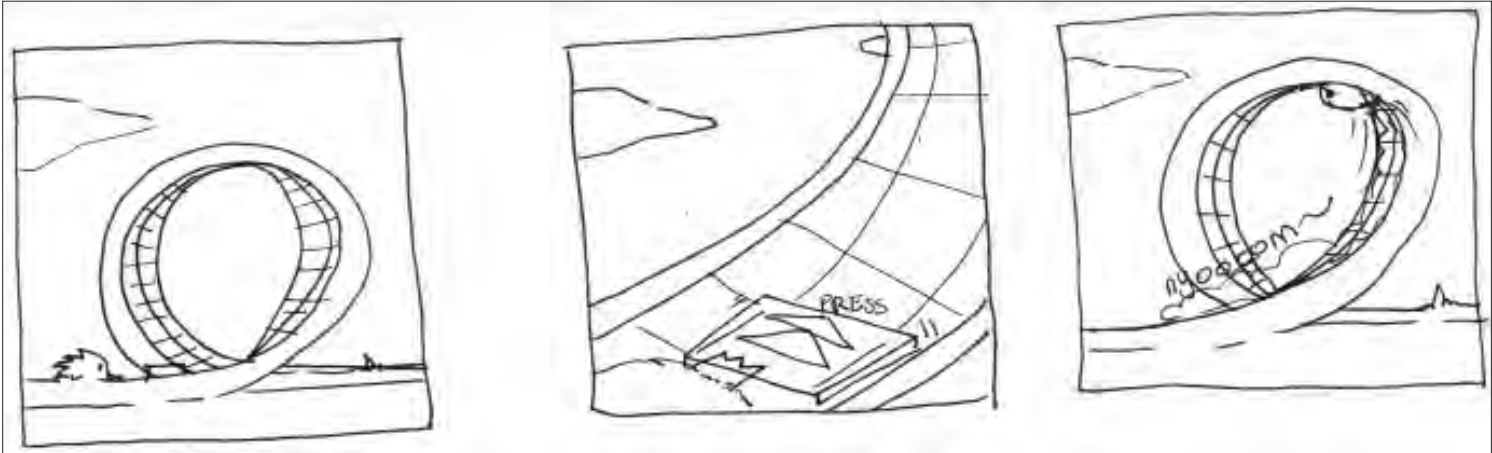
I never would have asked for a nutcracker as a gift in a million years, and I still do not, but the fact that I got even one was enough to start something I was not quite prepared for. Sometimes the best gifts are the ones that you were not expecting to receive.

Christmas is about snowy mornings and mistletoe blah blah whatever, all the same stuff you have heard thousands of times from James Stewart and overplayed radio hits. December is a stressful capstone to the year, spending your time worrying what to get your dad who only likes lawn equipment and baseball shirts.

Whether you are counting down the days until Christmas from the day after Halloween or just ready to get it over with, keep in mind that it is a stressful and busy time for everyone involved. So, if you get an Xbox instead of a Playstation or a nutcracker instead of a G.I. Joe, just give your grandmother a break and try to enjoy the gift anyway.

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## Gotta Go Fast



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### Staff Editorial

## Resist the urge to overbuy this holiday season

During this holiday season, it is easy to be hoodwinked by commercials and place a monetary price on love.

We begin to create this notion that the monetary value of each item is a direct expression of how much that person loves or values us.

No matter if you purchase authentic Ugg boots or a pair of slippers, they both are gestures of love. The simple fact that the person took the time to shop and purchase an item should be considered.

We as a staff will not be deceived by commercialism and neither should our readers. It is easy for people to go into debt when trying to purchase expensive gifts for multiple relatives or trying to top the gifts they purchased last year.

Buying the latest and greatest gadget, name brand apparel or shoes are a viable option only if you have the money to afford it.

Especially for us college students, who already have loan debt slowing accumulating, it is not wise

to go into more debt by purchasing presents to impress our loved ones.

Instead, give something that will not break or go out style next year; simply give your time and energy.

Use your creativity or collaborate with others who are creative and make your own gift.

The time that is used to craft the item speaks volumes. No one can ever say they own that specific painting, those pair of earrings or that vase because it is one-of-a-kind.

Or if you are not as creative, you can buy an item and then customize it for the person. For example, buy a cheap wallet and then hand-stitch their first initial onto it.

Consult YouTube or the Pinterest app for inspiration for different do-it-yourself ideas and get the step-by-step instructions on how to recreate the gift.

This is will also eliminate buying an item for a

loved one just to see fifty people the next day wearing the exact same item.

The most precious gift of all is time. Creating those lasting memories with family and friends that love and care about you is truly priceless.

Pictures are a tangible reflection of time, which can easily be placed on any medium: clothing, canvas etc.

Do not let stress, pressure and worry over purchasing the right items steal you away from cherishing valuable time with loved ones.

Gifts should be a given intentionally and genuinely to people who will honor and value the effort.

We will not let commercialism eat away at our pockets, rob us of our time and take us away from what truly matters.

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# Feminism should not be a commodity



Shelby Niehaus

My latest hobby is scrolling through page upon page of cute alternative fashion clothes and accessories that I cannot afford. It is somewhat of a sick fascination; some of the clothes I find are adorable, and I would wear them in an instant. Others are... questionable.

Others still are maddening. I hate fashion shirts that are embellished with trendy sayings. The ones that irritate me the most, though, are shirts labeled "feminist" as their main decoration.

Strangely, shirts decorated with various feminist sayings and statements do not bother me as much-- just the shirts labeled "feminist" and nothing else. For quite a while I could not place why only the feminist-labeled shirts bothered me.

Recently, though, I remembered what I wrote in October about pinkified products for breast cancer awareness. I remembered that I hate the falsehood of it all: how pink products capitalize on good intentions without actually serving those good intentions or contributing to any kind of change, even sometimes upholding the old systems that cause the problems we rail against.

Feminist shirts are a little like breast-cancer-pink products. They do not serve any social or political ends beyond mere awareness, which is almost useless for such a large social movement like feminism.

For the uninitiated, modern feminism has its roots in cultural, social and political change sprouting from the work of devoted women who fought to gain rights and power from the bottom of the gender hierarchy. This was not a movement of businesses and stakeholders; it was a movement of individuals.

I think that the co-opt of feminist identity by companies and brands is overall a dangerous move that cheapens the entire movement.

Now, my statement does not mean that I think brands cannot be feminist and that cor-

porations have no place influencing or being influenced by society. On the contrary, I know brands can be feminist.

I appreciate a feminist corporation as much as the next person. Companies that offer extended maternity leave and paternity leave are on the cutting edge, I think. It makes me happy to hear about businesses with actively diverse hiring policies-- companies that seek out women in male-oriented fields and who support women of color in hierarchical careers push the envelope in the best possible way.

However, I think that feminism must always come from a consensus of individual women acting as individuals. If it is guided by corporate hands, no matter how good the guidance is, we will have lost sight of the ends feminism meant to achieve since the start.

Even worse, if feminism is guided by cash-flow, it can eventually become corrupted by the same twisted corporate politics that have poisoned other well-meaning social movements (and yes, I am looking at you again, breast-cancer-pink industry).

When money guides a social movement, that social movement is obligated to follow the money.

It is no longer obligated to follow what is ultimately good and right and just in the world. It is sworn to the exchange of money.

When the flow of money starts to separate from where a monetized social move-

ment originally aimed for, do you sacrifice the money, stay true to the movement and stand up for what is right at risk of losing the cash that propped up the movement itself? No. You follow the money and how the consumer will not notice or care.

I should bring this into a real-world example. For instance, take a shirt maker that produces a tee with the word "feminist" on the front. If you were to wear the shirt, sure, you could easily label yourself as a feminist.

But does feminism not also entail standing up for women of all sorts? If the fashion house that designed the shirt practices racist hiring practices, is that not a move against women of color?

If work is outsourced to a factory with unsafe work conditions, is that not a move against working women?

If the tee comes in only a limited size run, is that not a move against fat women?

Even beyond all that, can any fast fashion outlet, with their signature short-term wear items that produce unnecessary amounts of waste and stress on the environment, ever call itself feminist if it threatens the lives of every woman on Earth implicitly?

Producing a shirt that says "feminist" on the front is an easy cashgrab move. Producing a feminist shirt is hard, and it does not rely on printing a recognizable word on the front.

A feminist clothier is one that strives consciously for the best situation for every woman involved in every step of its design, manufacture, shipping and sales process.

Nobody will catch me dead in a shirt labeled "feminist." Not because I think text-based shirts are frequently tacky, but because I think insincere gestures at social justice are deplorable.

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# Happy Holidays

## Giving on a Budget

### For the music lover

Vinyl is a great gift, granted the person owns a turntable. Whether it is a used or new, you should be able to find a record in all genres of music both new and old.

Where to find a good price around here?

**Positively 4th Street – 411 Lincoln Ave. Charleston**

This shop has everything from new and used vinyl records and even new and used CDs. Some records in great condition are priced under \$2, while newer records can cost up to \$30.

**Sound Bank- 100 N. Main St. Tuscola**

This record store is located on the second floor of The Vault Arts Collective and offers a wide range of genres. The records are hand-cleaned, and the quality and condition is also rated. A majority of the records are priced between \$3-\$20. Rare records and records in exceptional condition are priced higher.

### For the book worm

Books can get expensive, so buying a used book in good condition can be just as good.

Where to find a good price around here?

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**Pensees Bookshop- 501 Sixth St. Charleston**

Both bookstores have a wide variety of genres and titles. Their collection of book prices range from \$1-\$20 depending on the condition, title, author and whether the pressing is a hardcover or paperback.

**Midgard Comics- 102 W. Lincoln Ave. Charleston**

This is a small comic shop that has a large collection of recent issues of popular comic series in publishers such as DC Comics, Marvel Comics and Dark Horse Comics. They also have a large collection of back issues of recent and past series. Most of the new issues are full price, while back issue and past series are discounted.

### For the artist

Nothing says you put time into a gift more than a homemade present. Do-it-yourself gifts are easy, fun, and fairly inexpensive. Some of the best gifts are made from odd and quirky items found at thrift stores.

Where to find a good price around here?

**Goodwill- 562 W. Lincoln Ave. Charleston**

This second-hand store is a great place to find unusual items that could be turned into art or a craft. They have everything from used clothing, furniture, electronics and tiny trinkets. Prices vary for every item and what condition they are in.

**Calliope Court- 706 Jackson Ave. Charleston**

Vintage clothing, antiques and jewelry can all be found in this little shop in Downtown Charleston. It also has other gifts like candles, artwork and pottery. Prices range for \$5-\$50.

# Syria advances despite cease-fire offer

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria’s government ignored a rebel cease-fire proposal for Aleppo on Wednesday as its forces captured new neighborhoods around the city center and squeezed some 200,000 tired and frightened civilians into a shattered and rapidly shrinking opposition enclave.

Facing a punishing and brutal defeat, rebel factions proposed a five-day cease-fire for the eastern parts of the city to evacuate the wounded and civilians wishing to flee.

Government officials had not directly addressed the rebel proposal by the evening.

The Syrian government and its ally Russia have rejected previous cease-fires for the war-torn city, keeping up the military offensive that has forced rebel retreats and displaced at least 30,000 civilians in the past 11 days, according to U.N. figures.

The rebels made no offer to pull out of Aleppo, though their proposal promised to negotiate the fate of the city when the humanitarian crisis eases.

Government forces and regional militias fighting alongside them, meanwhile, captured new ground in Aleppo’s old city and its Bab al-Nai-rab district, home to one of the city’s main water stations, according to monitoring groups and state media.

The rebels continued their shelling of the western government-held districts of the city. Syria’s state news agency reported that 12 people were killed by mortar and rocket fire landing in western Aleppo.

With the latest gains, the endgame for Aleppo, which has been carved up between the government and the rebel side for the past four years, appears to draw even closer. If Aleppo — the country’s former commercial hub — is captured by government troops, it would be a turning point in the conflict, putting the five largest cities in Syria and the coastal region back under state control.

The Syrian government has been demanding the complete evacuation of all rebels from eastern Aleppo, but locals involved in the negotiations with the rebel factions said this has not been seriously considered.

Leaders of the U.S., Britain, Germany, Italy, France, and Canada also called for an immediate cease-fire for the city to allow the U.N. to deliver aid to the remaining besieged opposition districts.

They called on the U.N. to investigate reports of war crimes and accused Russia of blocking efforts to halt the bloodshed.

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## » CAA

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CRM 3650 will cover classical and contemporary criminological theories that explain why and how individuals commit criminal acts, according to the course proposal.

It will also use theory to examine the nature of the crime as well as the location and impact and the historical foundation of crime.

According to the rationale, “it is necessary to have a specific theory

class to ensure students have a working knowledge and appreciation of various explanations of criminal and deviant behavior.”

The course is an upper-division theory course that requires students to “critically evaluate classic and contemporary theoretical works in deviance and criminology.”

As for CRM 4700, the course will dive into contemporary topics in criminology and criminal justice while “providing opportunities for the integration and synthesis of theory, research and concepts learned in the

major,” the proposal read.

The course is being created as a capstone for the major and built on the foundational knowledge from the major core by analyzing topics in the field.

“This course will serve as a culminating experience for criminology and criminal justice majors to apply their knowledge of criminological theory and research to evaluate current policies, practices, and controversies that exist within the field of criminology and criminal justice,” according to the rationale.

The CAA will also vote on course revisions for CHM 3450, Biochemistry I; KSS 4340, Exercise Physiology; and EIU 4123G, Social Movements, Crowds and Violence.

All these courses have a technology-driven designation.

The chemistry department is also asking for its name to be changed to the chemistry and biochemistry department.

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the annual Holiday Meal.

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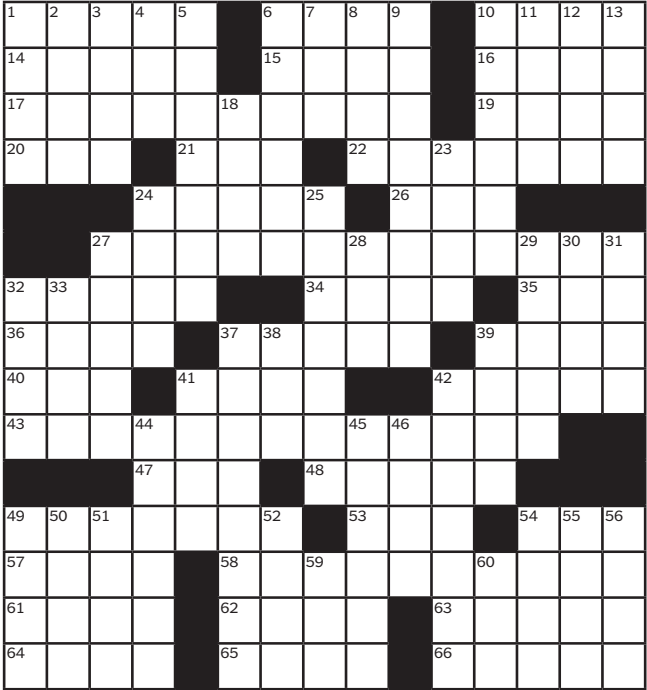
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# Medawattage earns all-academic honors

**By JJ Bullock**  
Men's soccer reporter | @DEN\_Sports

Eastern junior defender Zac Medawattage set a goal for himself this year and accomplished that goal this season, getting named to the all-academic team in the Summit League.

"I feel proud," Medawattage said. "Because one of my goals was to excel both on the field and in the classroom, and it's pretty cool to get recognized for that."

Medawattage was one of 12 athletes from the conference named to the all-academic team.

Qualifying athletes must have a 3.30 GPA or higher and participate in at least half of his team's games, while attending the school for at least a full year.

Medawattage did all these things and then some, appearing in 14 games and starting 12.

He missed some time because of injury, but he played a key role in the stout Eastern defense, all while balancing the trials of being a student.

He earned his first ever spot on the all-academic team and his second academic recognition of his career.

"It's definitely tough," Medawattage said of managing school and athletics. "You just have to figure out how to manage your time well and stay organized. Since we train in the mornings and go to class right after that, we usually have free time in the evenings, so I try to get my work done daily and not procrastinate."

The Edmond, Okla., native and

finance major said he has always been a strong student, but noted coming to college enhanced his educational skills.

**"I feel proud ... One of my goals was to excel both on the field and in the classroom and it's pretty cool to get recognized for that."**

*-Zac Medawattage*

"Yes, I like to think so. But I'm definitely a more responsible student since coming to college," he said. "Like I said, I made it a goal of mine to excel in the classroom as well as on the field. So I've tried to stay true to that."

Although he was the only Panther to be named to the team, Medawattage was still sure point out the team as a whole does well academically.

"Yeah we have had some really good team GPAs since I've been here," Medawattage said. "So it has become a team goal of ours to keep getting good GPAs."

Medawattage was voted in by a committee made up of faculty representatives from universities and sports information directors from the schools within the Summit League.

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**FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**  
Junior Zac Medawattage looks for an open teammate to pass to during a match against Saint Ambrose Sept. 14. Medawattage was recognized by the Summit League for his commitment to academics.

# Panthers out played by Northern Kentucky

**By Sean Hastings**  
Sports Editor | @DEN\_Sports

The Panthers and Northern Kentucky were close the whole way through, but the Norse were able to hang on to their leads and pull away with an 80-70 win over the men's basketball team Wednesday night.

On most nights, Northern Kentucky's Lavone Holland II is the assist leader, but Wednesday it was his shooting that sank the Panthers.

Holland put up 28 points and just one assist in the win, with sea-

son-leading scorer Drew McDonald behind him with 17 points.

Despite the scoring outburst from Holland II, the Panthers were always in the game. Eastern took a brief 63-62 lead with 7:25 left in the game, but Northern Kentucky went on an 18-7 run to finish the game.

It was early in the game, but the Panthers did have a six-point lead at 14-8 and only trailed by as much as 11.

Eastern had it within two points with 3:28 left in the game, but Holland hit a 3-pointer and it gave the

Norse a five-point lead and began to pull away for good.

"Holland was really good," coach Jay Spoonhour said. "Both 3's he made late were at the end of pretty good defensive possessions. He stepped up and made the plays you have to make."

Offensively, the Panthers shot the ball well and as they have all season had multiple players involved.

Junior guard Cornell Johnston kept the hot hand in his second straight game scoring 17 points to accompany senior guard Demetrius McReynold's 16 points.

Eastern shot 44.8 percent from the field and 42.1 percent from beyond the arc, which was better than Northern Kentucky's 32 percent from three.

Northern Kentucky shot 50 percent overall, just 6 percent better than Eastern, and Holland's 53 percent shooting only made it tougher for Eastern.

It is hard to look around and point a finger at exactly what went wrong for the Panthers. They kept their turnovers below 10, only out-rebounded 37-30, and even cut down on the number of times they

sent their opponent to the free throw line.

Some days a team runs into a hot shooter and everything they try to do just is not enough.

"We didn't have quite the spark defensively that we needed to have," Spoonhour said. But they were poised. We couldn't force them into mistakes

The Panthers will head to West-ern for a 2 p.m. tipoff Saturday to take on the Leathernecks.

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# Poor shooting sinks women's basketball

By Mark Shanahan

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Cleveland State may have come into Lantz Arena Wednesday afternoon able to get almost whatever they wanted in the paint against the Eastern women's basketball team, but poor shooting is what really downed the Panthers.

This was the worst shooting percentage for the Panthers this season. The Vikings scored 38 points in the paint, which led them to a 66-56 win, but Eastern shot just 28.8 percent from the field and gave up 18 points off turnovers.

Eastern coach Debbie Black said the 18 points off turnovers was too many and that they were not capitalizing off their own defensive play early on.

"They had 18 points off of our turnovers and I think that was too many," Black said. "I think they weren't really scoring to begin with and we weren't capitalizing.

We started the game really well and we've done this a couple of times to start the game, but we're not scoring off our good defense."

The Panthers fell behind early in the first quarter with a shooting percentage of 25 percent while Cleveland State was shooting 62.5 percent from the field. Black said the team was well prepared for what the Vikings were going to show them.

"I don't think they jammed it down our throat as much as they just kind of walked in our lane and scored on us," Black said. "I think our coaches did a great job with the scouting. I think we were prepared for everything we thought we were going to see."

Leading the Panthers was junior guard Grace Lennox with



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Sophomore Carmen Tellez dribbles the ball out on the top of the key Wednesday against Cleveland State. Tellez scored 12 points on a 4-for-9 effort from beyond the arc in the Panthers' 66-56 loss.

15 points along with four assists and five steals. Senior forward Erica Brown finished with a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Brown also had three blocks.

Sophomore guard Carmen Tellez was another Panthers to finish with double-digit points end-

ing with 12 points.

The freshmen struggled altogether for the first time this season. Allison Van Dyke was 1-11 from the field with four points, and Zharia Lenoir was 1-6 with three points. Black said it has to do with scouting and teams are now anticipating their next move.

"It's sort of easy to be a freshman, it's easy to be a rookie, but it's once they start to get to know you, and they take away your strengths, they are now scouting us," Black said.

Eastern is now 4-6 on the season, while Cleveland State improves to 4-4. The Panthers' los-

ing streak is now up to four and the schedule does not get much easier for them. Eastern will start a three-game road trip beginning with Western this Saturday.

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## Play in paint crucial in Wednesday's loss to Cleveland State

By JJ Bullock

Women's Basketball Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

When it came to playing in the paint, Cleveland State had its way with Eastern in a 66-56 loss for the Panthers Wednesday night at Lantz Arena.

Eastern was outscored 38-14 inside and out-rebounded 45-34 in a game where it seemed like they could not get anything going down low.

Cleveland State, led by Ashanti Abshaw's 18 points and eight rebounds, but on the other hand, had little trouble the whole game running through Eastern's defense.

"We were in a zone, so there is no way you should be able to score 38 points in our paint," Eastern head coach Debbie Black said. "But we just opened the zone and let them score. Our game plan was certainly for them to maybe take more outside shots but they broke our zone."

Eastern guard Carmen Tellez agreed, saying the Eastern defense was not tight enough in the paint.

"I feel like we were so open instead of being all in the paint and don't (let) them go to the basket," Tellez said.

Seeing the problem, Black tried to change defensive schemes, but even that did not slow the Vikings offensive attack.

"I went to man (defense) for



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Senior Erica Brown and freshman teammate Allison Van Dyke apply a full court press on Cleveland State's Nicolette Newman Wednesday at Lantz Arena.

like a minute and it was worse," she said. "So I went back into the paint. But, you know, it's a little bit of discipline on our part. We have to be more disciplined and

understand who we're playing and know your personnel. But a couple of those kids just like walked in the lane and scored on us; there wasn't post-up moves, they were

pretty much just off the dribble, against the zone which is kind of weird."

Despite forward Erica Brown having a double-double with 12

points and 10 rebounds while playing all 40 minutes of the game, Eastern mustered all of just 14 points in the paint, which is too low for Black's taste.

"Absolutely, especially against an undersized team," Black said. "We didn't make great reads tonight, we are trying to get it over and in, we are forcing the ball. I don't think they did anything that we haven't expected. We just had a hard time identifying what was open tonight. I think that's very low for us, we've been in the 20s and 30s for sure, against bigger teams than this."

Much of the credit to the struggles could be placed on the fact Eastern is without typical starting forward Jalisha Smith, who is out because of injury. However, Black feels this is still no excuse for the team.

"Of course I think Jalisha Smith not playing will hurt us, but you know what, somebody is fortunate, somebody else has the opportunity. I told these kids all along your time will come, and somebody has to step up and replace her minutes and her scoring and her energy."

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